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For: LINEAR MOTOR, STAGE APPARATUS,)	April 22, 2004
EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND DEVICE :	:	
MANUFACTURING METHOD)	

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statements filed on May 31, 2002, and February 3, 2004, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Each of the cited documents was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement. Specifically, these documents were cited in a European Search Report dated March 17, 2004, which was forwarded in a Communication dated March 25, 2004, (copies enclosed) from the European Patent Office in a corresponding European patent application (EP 02 25 1037).

Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	US-5,179,304	01/12/1993	Kenjo et al.	310	12	
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